

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES

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To: All County Welfare Directors

Letter No. 81-23

JULY 1981 COST-OF-LIVING INCREASES

This letter provides further instructions regarding July 1981 share-of-cost (SOC) determinations for Medi-Cal-only cases. The first letter providing information on this subject was Letter No. 81-22.

SSI/SSP Payment Levels and Medi-Cal Maintenance Need Levels

The attached charts include the SSI/SSP payment levels and Medi-Cal maintenance need levels which must be employed effective with July 1981 SOC determinations. These amounts represent a 9.2 percent increase over the current amounts.

Title II (OASDI) Increases

In Letter No. 81-22, you were instructed to implement the 11.2 percent Title II increase in most long-term care cases. You are now instructed to implement this increase effective July 1981 in all Medi-Cal-only cases which include Title II income. The methodology for calculating and verifying the increase benefit amounts described in Letter No. 81-22 should be employed.

Title II Disregard Eligibles

Since the July 1981 Title II increase is greater than the SSI/SSP increase, some persons will lose SSI/SSP eligibility due to their Title II increase. Such individuals are entitled to no cost Medi-Cal pursuant to CAC, Title 22, Section 50564.

In the past, eligibility staff have not had to familiarize themselves with Title II Disregard eligibility determinations because the SSI/SSP increases exceeded the Title II increases. This is no longer the case. We anticipate a few thousand persons statewide will lose SSI/SSP eligibility in July due to Title II income increases. We are in the process of updating Medi-Cal Manual Procedural Section 10I for use in July 1981; although the figures will change, the eligibility determination mechanics will remain the same. You may wish to review these procedures with your staff to ensure that Title II Disregard persons will be properly identified.

Income Inkind and Long-Term Care Deductions

Continue to use the income inkind amounts and long-term care deductions for home upkeep and support of a disabled relative which are currently in effect. (See CAC, Title 22, Sections 50511 and 50605). We will supply you the new

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figures as soon as they become available. You will not be required to implement these amounts retroactively.

If you are unable to meet the July 1, 1981 deadline or if you have any questions contact your Medi-Cal Program Consultant.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Madalyn M. Martinez, Chief
Medi-Cal Eligibility Branch

Attachments

cc: Medi-Cal Liaisons
Medi-Cal Program Consultants

Expiration Date: November 30, 1981

Category	Living Arrangements					Disabled and residing in home of relative
	Independent living arrangement	Residing in household of another and receiving room and board in kind	Independent living arrangement without cooking facilities	Nonmedical board and care		
Aged	439	350.77	486	496		
Disabled	439	350.77	486	496		343
Blind	492	403.77	N/A	496		
Aged and Aged Spouse	815	682.67	909	992		
Disabled and Disabled Spouse	815	682.67	909	992		
Blind and Blind Spouse	958	825.67	N/A	992		
Aged and Disabled Spouse	815	682.67	909	992		
Aged and Blind Spouse	904	771.67	N/A	992		
Blind and Disabled Spouse	904	771.67	N/A	992		

MAINTENANCE NEEDS EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 1981

1 person, when all other family members are PA or Other PA	\$ 275
1 person in all other situations	359
2 persons.	550
3 persons.	675
4 persons.	808
5 persons.	917
6 persons.	1,033
7 persons.	1,133
8 persons.	1,233
9 persons.	1,333
10 persons.	1,433
Each additional person	\$10